

IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING  
 W/S Cherry Hill Lane, 600' SW  
 of the c/l of Tarragon Road  
 4th Election District  
 3rd Councilmanic District  
 Franklin Blvd. Ltd. Part.  
 Petitioner

BEFORE THE  
 DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER  
 OF BALTIMORE COUNTY  
 Case No. 91-411-SPH

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Petitioner herein requests a special hearing to approve a modification of one portion of the relief granted in previous Case Nos. 90-518-XA and 90-519-XA to permit a rear yard setback of 15 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet instead of the front yard setback of 15 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet granted, all as more particularly described in Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioner, by Mark L. Levy, Vice President, Continental Realty Investors Corp., a General Partner, appeared, testified and was represented by Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition was David Martin, Registered Landscape Architect. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as Franklin Business Park, consists of two parcels, identified as Parcels A and B on Petitioner's Exhibit 1, and is presently unimproved. Said property was the subject matter of previous Case Nos. 90-518-XA and 90-519-XA in which Petitioners were granted a special exception and variances for a Class B office building to be constructed on each parcel, subject to restrictions, by Order dated September 7, 1990, amended October 5, 1990. Subsequent to the granting of the relief requested therein, it was determined that the Petitions in both cases requested a front yard variance of 15 feet in lieu

of the required 30 feet, when, in reality, the setbacks were to the rear of the subject properties. Petitioners have filed the instant Petition to amend the request for front yard setbacks of 15 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet for the proposed office buildings. The site plan submitted contains no changes from those presented in the previous matters. The testimony presented indicated that the granting of the requested relief is within the spirit and intent of the ZONING, and the relief requested in the original petition, and in, in fact, the correct relief. Further, it is clear the relief requested will not result in any detriment to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding community.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. Melton v. Solovy, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

- 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 27 Md. App. 28 (1974).

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the relief requested in the special hearing were not granted. It has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks

relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the relief requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the special hearing should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 15th day of May, 1991 that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve a modification of the relief granted in previous Case Nos. 90-518-XA and 90-519-XA to permit a rear yard setback of 15 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet instead of the front yard setback of 15 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet granted in each case, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions:

- 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- 2) Prior to the issuance of any permits, Petitioners shall submit a landscape plan for the proposed development on both Parcels A and B which has been approved by the Director and/or Deputy Director of Planning.
- 3) When applying for a building permit, the site plan and landscaping plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the front yard setbacks of 15 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet granted in prior Case Nos. 90-518-XA and 90-519-XA be and are hereby rescinded; and,

ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING  
 Date 5/15/91  
 By [Signature]

ANN M. NASTAROWICZ  
 Deputy Zoning Commissioner  
 for Baltimore County

ANN:bjjs

**PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING**  
 TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: 91-341-A

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should approve a modification of one portion of the relief granted in Case Nos. 90-519-XA and 90-518-XA to permit a rear yard setback of 15 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet instead of the front yard setback of 15 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet granted in those cases would read a rear yard variance of 15 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.  
 I, or we, agree to pay expenses of the above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this Petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

Contract Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Type or Print Name)  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City and State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attorney for Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_  
 John B. Howard, Esquire  
 (Type or Print Name)  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 210 Allegheny Avenue  
 Address  
 Towson, Maryland 21204  
 City and State  
 Attorney's Telephone No.: 823-4111

Legal Owner(s):  
 Franklin Boulevard Limited Partnership  
 (Type or Print Name)  
 Continental Realty Investors Corp.  
 General Partner  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (signature) Mark L. Levy, Vice President  
 17 West Pennsylvania Ave.  
 P.O. Box 10117  
 Address  
 Baltimore MD 21285  
 City and State  
 Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contractor, purchaser or representative to be contacted  
 John B. Howard, Esquire  
 Name 210 Allegheny Avenue  
 Towson, MD 21204  
 Address  
 823-4111  
 Phone No.

ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this 6 day of March, 1991, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as of March, 1991, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore County, on the 30 day of April, 1991, at 2:30 o'clock P.M.

J. Robert Hinecuff  
 Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

**Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc.**  
 113 WEST ROAD • SUITE 208 • BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21204 • (301) 296-4100  
 ENGINEERS ARCHITECTS PLANNERS SCIENTISTS SURVEYORS PHOTOGRAMMETRISTS

DESCRIPTION OF 1.50 AC. +/- 91-341-A  
 PARCEL A  
 FRANKLIN BUSINESS PARK  
 4TH ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD.

BEING a part of the secondly described parcel of land contained in a deed dated February 1, 1989 conveyed from Nathan Scherr and Nathan Metz to Franklin Boulevard Limited Partnership recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber S.M. 8092 Folio 249 and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING for the same at a point in the center of Cherry Hill Lane, said point being the beginning of the third North 64° 43' 29" West 150.43 feet line of the same tract of land described in the aforementioned Liber S.M. 8092 Folio 249, thence departing said centerline and binding on said third line,

- 1) North 64° 43' 29" West 150.43 feet to intersect the right of way line of Interstate 795 (also known as the Northwest Expressway) as shown on State Highway Administration of Maryland Right of Way Plat Nos. 48143, 48148, 48611, and 48968; thence binding on said right of way line the three following courses and distances, viz:
- 2) North 04° 39' 58" West 112.95 feet, thence
- 3) North 20° 54' 21" East 159.68 feet, thence
- 4) North 39° 32' 06" East 141.24 feet; thence departing said right of way for five lines of division, viz:
- 5) South 50° 27' 54" East 13.00 feet, thence
- 6) South 39° 32' 06" West 72.86 feet, thence
- 7) South 60° 09' 14" East 52.77 feet, thence
- 8) South 29° 50' 46" West 29.00 feet, thence
- 9) South 60° 09' 14" East 80.29 feet to a point on a line drawn twenty five feet north of and parallel to the centerline of Cherry Hill Lane said line being the northern edge of the proposed widening of Cherry Hill Lane; thence along said widening line the two following courses and distances, viz:
- 10) North 18° 21' 44" East 41.86 feet, thence
- 11) North 29° 07' 32" East 350.00 feet; thence crossing said widening at right angles.

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- 12) South 60° 52' 28" East 25.00 feet to intersect the centerline of Cherry Hill Lane; thence along said centerline the two following courses and distances, viz:
- 13) South 29° 07' 32" West 347.64 feet, thence
- 14) South 18° 21' 44" West 325.25 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 65,340 square feet or 1.50 acres of land, more or less.

January 17, 1990  
 Revised February 27, 1990  
 Revised April 20, 1990  
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[Signature]

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DESCRIPTION OF 1.28 AC. +/- 91-341-A  
 PARCEL B  
 FRANKLIN BUSINESS PARK  
 4TH ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD.

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BEGINNING for the same at a point in the center of Cherry Hill Lane, said point being the beginning of the first or South 29° 07' 32" West 429.75 feet line of the same tract of land described in the aforementioned Liber S.M. 8092 Folio 249, thence binding on and running with the centerline of Cherry Hill Lane,

- 1) South 29° 07' 32" West 82.11 feet, thence at right angles
- 2) North 60° 52' 28" West 25.00 feet to a point in the line drawn twenty five feet north and parallel to the centerline of Cherry Hill Lane said line being the proposed widening line of Cherry Hill Lane; thence along said widening line the two following courses and distances, viz:
- 3) South 29° 07' 32" West 350.00 feet, thence
- 4) South 18° 21' 44" West 41.86 feet; thence departing said widening for five new lines of division through the said secondly described parcel, viz:
- 5) North 60° 09' 14" West 80.29 feet, thence
- 6) North 29° 50' 46" East 29.00 feet, thence at right angles
- 7) North 60° 09' 14" West 52.77 feet, thence
- 8) North 39° 32' 06" East 72.86 feet, thence at right angles
- 9) North 50° 27' 54" West 13.00 feet to intersect the right of way line of Interstate 795 (also known as the Northwest Expressway) as shown on State Highway Administration of Maryland Right of Way Plat Nos. 48143, 48148, 48611, and 48968; thence binding on said right of way line the five following courses and distances, viz:
- 10) North 39° 32' 06" East 45.44 feet, thence
- 11) North 35° 08' 04" East 143.07 feet, thence
- 12) North 06° 27' 33" East 75.00 feet, thence

13) North 43° 19' 44" East 124.92 feet, thence  
 14) South 56° 51' 49" East 124.85 feet to the point of beginning.  
 CONTAINING 55,620 square feet or 1.28 acres of land, more or less.

January 17, 1990  
 Revised February 27, 1990  
 Revised April 20, 1990  
 EMS

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**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**  
 ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY  
 Towson, Maryland

District: 4th Date of Posting: 4-10-91  
 Posted for: Special Hearing  
 Petitioner: Franklin Blvd Limited Partnership  
 Location of property: W/S of Cherry Hill Lane, 650' SW of c/l Tarragon Road  
 Location of Sign: at the intersection of Cherry Hill Lane and Tarragon Road  
 Remarks: Special Hearing to approve a modification of one portion of the relief granted in case #90-519-2A and #90-518-2A so that the front yard variance of 15 ft. in lieu of the required 25 ft. granted in those cases would read a rear yard variance of 15 ft. in lieu of the required 30 ft.  
 Posted by: J. Robert Haines Date of return: 4-12-91  
 Number of Signs: 7

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

The Zoning Commission of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:  
 Case number: 91-341-SPH  
 W/S Cherry Hill Lane, 650' SW of c/l Tarragon Road, 4th Election District, 3rd Councilmanic District  
 Petitioner(s): Franklin Boulevard Limited Partnership/Continental Realty Investors Corporation, General Partner  
 Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 30, 1991 at 2:30 p.m.  
 Special Hearing to approve a modification of one portion of the relief granted in case #90-519-2A and #90-518-2A so that the front yard variance of 15 ft. in lieu of the required 25 ft. granted in those cases would read a rear yard variance of 15 ft. in lieu of the required 30 ft.  
 J. ROBERT HAINES  
 Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County  
 OMT/JEFF/3/29 Mar. 28

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

TOWSON, MD. 4-1-1991  
 THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of 1 successive weeks, the first publication appearing on 3-28-1991.  
 THE JEFFERSONIAN,  
S. Zake Orlov  
 Publisher

\$ 75.18

111 West Chesapeake Avenue  
 Towson, MD 21204

887-3553

DATE: 4-5-91

Franklin Boulevard Limited Partnership  
 Continental Realty Investors Corporation  
 P. O. Box 10147  
 Baltimore, Maryland 21285

RE:  
 Case Number: 91-341-SPH  
 W/S Cherry Hill Lane, 650' SW of c/l Tarragon Road  
 4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic  
 Petitioner(s): Franklin Boulevard Limited Partnership/Continental Realty Investors Corporation, General Partner  
 HEARING: TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1991 at 2:30 p.m.

Dear Petitioner(s):

Please be advised that \$ 100.18 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned property.

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE CASE SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. Bring the check and the sign & post set(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113, Towson, Maryland fifteen (15) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin.

*[Handwritten signature: J. Robert Haines]*

J. ROBERT HAINES  
 ZONING COMMISSIONER  
 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

cc: John B. Howard, Esq.

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**Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner**  
 County Office Building  
 111 West Chesapeake Avenue  
 Towson, Maryland 21204

Account: R 001 6150  
 Number

**receipt**

Date

Cashier Validation

Please Make Checks Payable To: Baltimore County  
 1175-03

111 West Chesapeake Avenue  
 Towson, MD 21204

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March 1, 1991  
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The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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*[Handwritten signature: J. Robert Haines]*

J. ROBERT HAINES  
 Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

cc: Petitioners  
 John B. Howard, Esq.

111 West Chesapeake Avenue  
 Towson, MD 21204

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April 10, 1991

John B. Howard, Esquire  
 210 Allegheny Avenue  
 Baltimore, MD 21204

RE: Item No. 323, Case No. 91-341-SPH  
 Petitioner: Franklin Blvd Limited  
 Petition for Special Hearing

Dear Mr. Howard:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD RETURN YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO MY OFFICE, ATTENTION JULIE MINIARSKI. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 887-3391.

Very truly yours,  
*[Handwritten signature: James E. Dyer]*  
 JAMES E. DYER  
 Chairman  
 Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

JED:jw  
 Enclosures

cc: Mr. Mark L. Levy  
 Franklin Blvd Limited Prtshp  
 17 West Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Bqz 10147, Baltimore, MD 21285

111 West Chesapeake Avenue  
 Towson, MD 21204

887-3553

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 6th day of March, 1991.

*[Handwritten signature: J. Robert Haines]*  
 J. ROBERT HAINES  
 ZONING COMMISSIONER

Received By:  
*[Handwritten signature: James E. Dyer]*  
 Chairman,  
 Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Petitioner: Franklin Blvd Limited Partnership, et al

Petitioner's Attorney: John B. Howard

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
 INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: J. Robert Haines DATE: March 14, 1991  
 Zoning Commissioner  
 FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director  
 Office of Planning and Zoning  
 SUBJECT: Franklin Boulevard Ltd. Partnership,  
 Item Nos. 282 and 323

In reference to the petitioner's request regarding the subject cases noted above, staff offers the following comments:

- Prior to a final determination of these cases, the applicant should amend the CRG plan approved on April 12, 1990 to reflect the change in the orientation of the proposed office building.
- A landscape plan should be submitted to the deputy director of the Office of Planning and Zoning prior to the issuance of any permits.
- Staff supports the petitioner's landscape-related variances from Sections 204.4.C.8.c.1, 203.4.C.8.c.2, and 203.4.C.6. provided that an agreement is reached with the State of Maryland to provide landscaping on state owned property to the north of the subject parcel.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

PK/JL/cmm  
 ITEM 282, 323/ZAC1

received  
 3/20/91







